

REMARKS

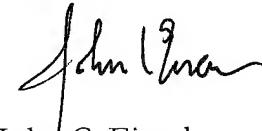
Claims 12-21 and 23-31 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 32 is canceled.

In reply to the Election Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species A (where the fixing device comprises one or more deformable protrusions). It is respectfully submitted that claims 12-21 and 23-31 all read on the elected species. It is further respectfully submitted that no claims are generic to both species.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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